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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups: modalities for the review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), on the basis of informal consultations

Modalities for the review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling all its previous resolutions on ageing and on preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Recalling also all resolutions of the General Assembly on ageing and on the International Year of Older Persons,

Recalling further that the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002,[1] adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing, held in Madrid from 8 to 12 April 2002, requested the systematic review of its implementation by Member States as being essential for its success in improving the quality of life of older persons and that the modalities of review and appraisal should be decided as soon as possible,

Bearing in mind that the General Assembly, in its resolution 58/134 of 26 November 2002, requested the Commission for Social Development to address the issue of the periodicity and the format of the review of the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action at its forty-second session, taking into account the provisions of General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003,

[1] *Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8-12 April 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

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Also bearing in mind that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2003/14 of 21 July 2003, invited Governments, the United Nations system and civil society to participate in a "bottom-up" approach to the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action,

Taking note of the note by the Secretariat on modalities for the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action,[2]

1. *Reiterates* its call to all actors at all levels, as appropriate, to participate in the implementation of and follow-up to the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;[1]

2. *Decides* to undertake the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action every five years, with each review and appraisal cycle to focus on one of the priority directions identified in the Madrid Plan of Action;

3. *Encourages* Member States to establish or strengthen, as appropriate, a national coordinating body or mechanism aimed at facilitating the implementation, including its review and appraisal of and dissemination of information about the Madrid Plan of Action;

4. *Also encourages* Member States to include both ageing-specific policies and ageing-mainstreaming efforts in their review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action and in their national strategies, bearing in mind the importance of mainstreaming ageing into global agendas;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, to facilitate and promote the Madrid Plan of Action, including by making proposals for the design of guidelines for policy development and implementation, advocating means to mainstream ageing issues into development agendas, engaging in dialogue with civil society and the private sector and promoting information exchange;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to propose guidelines for the review and appraisal process, taking into account the views of Member States, civil society and the private sector, including a proposal for a specific theme emanating from the Madrid Plan of Action for the first review and appraisal cycle;

7. *Requests* the United Nations regional commissions, within their mandates, to promote and facilitate the implementation, review and appraisal of and dissemination of information about the Madrid Plan of Action at the regional level, inter alia, by assisting national institutions, at their request, in implementation and monitoring of their actions on ageing, and stresses that such regional implementation strategies should take into account initiatives currently under way in a number of regions;

8. *Requests* the relevant bodies of the United Nations system to actively support national efforts of review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action by providing, upon request, and among other things, technical assistance for capacity-building, including for the development of modalities for disaggregating population data and statistics by age and sex;

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[2] E/CN.5/2004/6.

9. *Encourages* the United Nations funds and programmes, within their mandates, to continue integrating ageing, including from a gender perspective, in their programmes and projects, including at country level, where appropriate, and to report on their progress in their annual reports to the Economic and Social Council;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward his report on the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action to the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development in 2005.